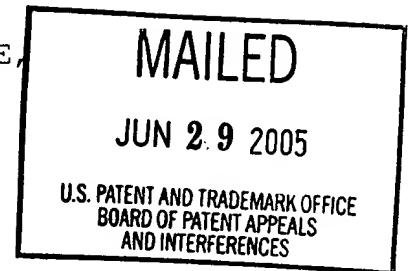


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Application 09/404,520

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on April 6, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

The examiner cited on page 3 of the Answer mailed on November 19, 2004, the following reference as prior art relied upon: Rodriguez-Tome, P. et al., "The European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) databases" Nucleic Acids Research, Vol. 24, No. 1 (January 1, 1996), pp. 6-12." We are unable to locate a scanned electronic copy of this reference in the IFW file.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner: 1) to provide electronic copy of reference indicated, and 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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